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**Official response on social media ban**

MARDAMIN 0458/09 does not limit Marines' access to social networking sites. Even before this message, sites such as YouTube, Facebook, MySpace and Twitter could not be accessed by Marines using the Marine Corps Enterprise Network in accordance with Marine Corps and Department of the Navy policies.

There are numerous commands that currently access social media through other internet service providers. This message benefits those commands by establishing a formal waiver process for access to social networking sites via the Marine Corps' network.

Marines are encouraged to tell their stories on social networking sites, using personal accounts, remembering the importance of operational security and that they are Marines at all times.

For more information see our list of Marine Corps social media sites at <http://www.marines.mil/usmc/Pages/SocialMedia.aspx>.

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